





# Baptist Record

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## Editorial.

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### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Rev. M. D. Early has purchased an elegant interest in the Arkansas Evangelist. Success to you brother.

Dr. Dobbs will preach the commencement sermon before Mississippi College and Central Female Institute.

Brother Melvin: Yes, we can order the book you want—The death of Legal hope, the life of Evangelical Obedience.

Forty-three years ago, the first German Baptist church was organized at Newark, N. J. Now there are 129 with a membership of 12,000.

Sardis has preaching only once a month, and the pastor does not live there. Sardis is an important, prosperous town—deserves better than this. So thinks Judge Hall.

The indications are, that I shall have a pleasant and profitable pastorate here. I am much pleased with the outlook so far.—C. E. W. Dobb, Columbus.

The Baptist churches of Atlanta have enjoyed a season of refreshment from the Lord. Nearly all of them have had revivals and the good work is still going on.

One night last week, we witnessed the reception of sixteen candidates for baptism in the Coliseum Place church, New Orleans. The meetings go on, conducted by Brother Penn.

Last Sunday, the Baptist anniversaries of England were held in London. It was expected that one hundred and forty London pulpits would be occupied by our brethren. It was a great day.

Hernando is in need of a pastor, and we can say of a truth that no more delightful field can be found in Mississippi. They are a charming people, and will do the right thing by a pastor.

The Record man met a very pleasant reception by Brother Lipsey and people at Cold Water. The town seems prosperous and so does the church. Elder Lipsey is an efficient workman.

The Indian Missionary speaking of Secretary Lamar, says, the Indians may trust him to save them from their troubles, as he is a man who will do right in spite of opposition.

The effect of the fire in Vicksburg, of recent date, is indeed terrible. Up to date, over thirty bodies have been exhumed from the ruins, and more are thought to be entombed—a horrible death.

There was only one preacher in Atlanta who preached in favor of the Charity Ball, held recently in that city. The Rev. of St. Philip's church, Dr. Hawthorne and others are meeting the issue boldly from their pulpits.

Brother Hartsfield: The work assigned us of raising the money needed by our Board, will prevent our going to Augusta, as a week's absence now would greatly retard the effort. We yield to a sense of duty.

The recent Supreme Court decision which debars Mormons from serving on juries, has apparently destroyed all hopes of the Mormons. Some of them are leaving and others are putting away all but one wife.

Very pleasant meetings are in progress in the Clinton church, conducted by the pastor. Ten have professed conversion, and a number await baptism. It is expected that the meetings will continue through the week. It is very quiet but sweet.

It seemed natural to see the general face of Elder J. B. Hamblin at the Gulf Coast Association. He is the founder of the organization, and his zeal for Coast Missions is unflagging. We hear only good of his work in Mobile, but he ought to write us an occasional letter.

Elder E. D. Miller, of Holly Springs, is being urged for State Superintendent of Public Education. He is too modest to say much, but we will say of him, he knows as much about it as any one in the field and probably a good deal more.

Elder M. T. Martin has just closed a meeting at Independence, Texas, in which there were 91 professions. Numbers of the late have been trying to help Christ save a profitless business, but one in which a vast number of people are engaged to their ruin.

We met with one of our former pupils at Sardis, P. H. Lowrey, one of the twin boys of the late lamented M. P. Lowrey. He is now a young lawyer with a growing practice. Perrin was a favorite of ours at school, and his kindness in helping the Record has not abated our esteem.

Our New Orleans brethren are much grieved at the conduct of many Baptists who, instead of strengthening their hands in the city, visited the theatres, and brought reproach on the cause. Would that country brethren could realize that when they do wrong during a visit to the city, the evil effects remain after they leave.

Pastor Carroll has just commenced a series of services at Senatobia. He is doing the preaching. The church there are beginning to find out that in Bro. C. and family they have found quite a treasure. May the Lord bless this church and her pastor.

The article on first page, by Brother Melvin, on Missionary Work and Revivals, is well worth reading and pondering. It has happened in our State, that a wide revival has followed a wide-spread interest in missions. Indeed, the spiritual spirit, actively at work, is a revival of a most forceful character.

Prof. R. M. Leavell, of Mississippi College, has been elected a member of the Modern Language Association of America, the object of which is to promote the study of the modern languages. This is an Association composed of some of the finest scholars in America, and Prof. Leavell's unsolicited election to membership in such an organization, is a high compliment to his attainments.

The death of Prof. Riggan, Professor of Greek, in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is a great loss to the denomination. Prof. Riggan, though only thirty years old, was already distinguished as an accurate, thorough, and energetic teacher. We had hoped that the mantle of that great teacher, Dr. Broadus, would, when his life was ended, fall upon Bro. Riggan, but the Lord has ordained otherwise.

The other day we approached a good Baptist man, of Mississippi, to get his subscription to the Record. We showed him the first copy he had ever seen, and what was heard that there was such a paper. And yet he had been in that town for a number of years, and the Record has a good list of readers there. What does the Religious Herald think of this? Draw a little consolation, brother.

A knotty problem is vexing the editorial columns of several of our distinguished Baptist exchanges; namely, how to get Baptist members to take a new Baptist paper. We quote the following statement from the Religious Herald: "Not one in a dozen of the Baptists of the whole country reads a Baptist paper, and not one in two dozen Baptist pastors gives himself any concern about it; and yet the men in charge of our Educational and Missionary work tell us that the money they raise from those who read Baptist newspapers. If this statement is true—and we do not doubt it—we draw two very plain conclusions.

1st. One of the very best things any layman can do, is to subscribe to his religious paper.

2d. One of the very best things that the pastor can do for his church is, to prevail upon each member to take and read his own religious paper.

### DUTY OF BAPTISTS TO PEDO-BAPTISTS.

Whatever Pedro-Baptists may say about the smallness of the differences between us and them, Baptists cannot believe it. The differences are grave, involving both doctrines and practices. There is sufficient ground for our separate existence. Loyalty to Christ compels us to maintain our position. It is not only our duty to defend the truth, but it is none the less a duty to win others to it, not to build up a party in Christendom, but to benefit men and honor Christ.

It is the very nature of error to hurt those who hold it. Take infant baptism, and what a blight it has been on the world—on those who have held and practiced it. Look at England, Germany, Italy. Indeed, every nation where this dogma is regnant, has had its spiritual life dwarfed. It is the very nest egg of Popery. The substitution of rantism and pouring for baptism has done much to obscure spiritual truth. Every error has in it mischief to those who embrace it. This being true, what is our duty to those in error, but to seek to win them to the truth. We say win them, not drive them.

The latter cannot be done, and trying to do it is the capital mistake of some very zealous Baptists. It ought not to be hard to speak to Pedro-Baptists in a kind, conciliatory spirit. Many of them are excellent persons, and show that they have the spirit of Christ. They have been wrongly taught, and need instruction. Thousands of them have never given any attention to the matters wherein they are in error. Kindly we should lead them to investigate, place suitable literature in their homes and help them to a better understanding of God's truth. In all this there need be no show of a partisan or unkind spirit. It should be done with the meekness of Christ.

To do our duty to Pedro-Baptists in these respects, we must ourselves be informed. And this implies faithful teaching at home in the Sunday-school, and from the pulpit. It is our duty to constantly look to the young and see that they are taught to know and love the truth.

If Baptists would do their full duty to the people in error all about them, thousands of them would accept the truth and walk with us in it. Indifference on the one hand and an unlovely spirit on

the other greatly hinder the truth. Our mind has been turned into this channel by meeting a lawyer who is a Swedenborgian. We sat two or three times at the same table at a hotel. With the utmost gentility and evident desire to do us good, he spoke of his faith, gave us some tracts and indicated a line of study for our benefit. There was nothing at all to complain of, for he was respectful and desired our good. Should not Baptists be as anxious to impart the truth and as faithful as this man? His course was consistent, for he evidently thinks he has the truth, and he desires others to enjoy it with him. His earnestness and kindness commended our respect. Why should we not imitate his example?

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

I was away last week when the committee selected Brother Gray and myself to direct the effort in the interest of State Missions and the College. We have both accepted the work given us to do, with the determination to put our souls into it. It is well, perhaps, that it should be understood that we give our services free, neither expecting nor desiring a cent of remuneration.

We have carefully gone over the field, with the help of brethren, and made an appropriation of the gross amount needed between the Associations, and we are confident that every Association can raise its quota without an undue strain. Indeed, the amounts are in nearly every case below the pledges and below what these same bodies have usually done. It will be understood, of course, that no one is bound by this appropriation; but the Associations are simply asked to raise these amounts.

It is so important that we go to Aberdeen free of debt, and prepared to deliberate unembarrassed that it seems to me every lover of Zion should be willing to take a hand in this good work. With the pastors enlisted, the sisters engaged, and the Sunday-schools taking a hand, success will be certain. I repeat a sentiment uttered two weeks ago: It is not a question of ability; we are abundantly able; nor is it a question of willingness, for the people responded heartily wherever appealed to; it is a question of having the people addressed properly, and the men are in the State to address them. And let me say that, already, words of cheer are coming in. Numbers of brethren have offered their services to the committee. Many brethren will be right glad to know that Ex-Secretary Walne will take the field. This means success wherever he goes, and he will receive a hearty welcome everywhere.

It is the aim to make the collection the most general ever taken in Mississippi. We wish to reach more churches and more members in the churches. This can be done, if the brethren will co-operate with the committee.

Contributions can be sent direct to this office, or to any one authorized to receive them. In any case, I wish to know every week just what has been done. Send a report of your collection immediately after it is taken.

We wish to hear from every pastor, Sunday-school Superintendent, Ladies' Mission Society that is willing to co-operate in this work.

The column of words and works will be good reading. By reference to it this week, you will see that the movement has started. Keep your eye on it, and help to make it interesting. In the language of Secretary Ball, "We only ask that duty be done." If we do our duty, nothing will be lacking at Aberdeen. Address everything to Gambrell & Gray, Clinton, Miss.

Your fellow-laborer in the Gospel,

J. B. GAMBRELL.

The following is a conversation that recently took place between a certain editor of a Baptist paper and a Baptist layman.

Ed.—"Good morning, Brother S. I would like to get your subscription for the ———."

Bro. S.—"I would be glad to do so, but really I have not time to read it. I know that it is a good paper, and think that every Baptist ought to take a good religious paper, but I am so pressed with business that I cannot find time to read it."

Ed.—"How about Sunday, Brother S?"

Bro. S.—"Oh, I am quite tired by the time Sunday comes, and then you know I am obliged to keep up with the general political news. Nights and Sundays are all the time that I have."

Ed.—"Brother S., what papers are you taking?"

Bro. S.—"I get the Courier Journal, Home & Farm, New York Sun, Kansas City Times, Detroit Free Press and one or two country papers."

Ed.—"Well, what does your family do for religious literature?"

S.—"My wife and the girls take some magazines and fashion quarters."

Ed.—"Do your children belong to the church?"

Bro. S.—"Three daughters and two sons."

Ed.—"Do you think that it is quite right to deny yourself and family all religious literature?"

Bro. S.—"Well, we have the Bible. We do not read that as much as we ought. Besides, we get a sermon from Dr. Talmage every week."

Ed.—"Well, take our paper—give it an equal showing with the others."

Bro. S.—"I am taking about as many now as I feel able to take. The times are very hard, you know. Your paper is too high anyway."

Ed.—"You know there are several reasons why religious papers are higher than political papers. One is, because a great many of our great political weeklies are made up from the dailies sent forth by the same company, and the matter being already in type, is not much additional cost. Again, every man is a politician; and these are Christians, and these are denominations. A man only patronizes, as a rule, his own denominational paper, and not more than one in ten does that. So you see that the circulation of religious papers is necessarily limited."

Bro. S.—"Well, when the times get better and my other papers drop, maybe I will subscribe, but not now."

Ed.—"Exit, editor, in despair, and wishing for the millennium."

The Junior spent some days on the M. & T. R. R. visiting the churches. The country between Grenada and Memphis is one of the best parts of Mississippi. The lands are of good quality and the farmers seem energetic and, for these times, prosperous. Of course the all-cotton policy has brought hard times here as elsewhere. If our farmers in Mississippi would not content themselves with merely seeing the right thing, but would do it, there is no better land in the South than ours.

Here we found a noble little church, Brother Merrill, now a student at Clinton, is their pastor. They speak encouragingly of his earnestness as a preacher. We expect good things of Brother Merrill.

Here we found Elder W. H. Rockett.

The church at Harrison was preaching two Sundays in the month by Elder H. W. Rockett. They have found what they deserve in Brother H., an excellent preacher and pastor.

During the recent term of the Circuit Court of Tate county, there were about one hundred and twenty indictments found against men for selling whisky in violation of law, and one young man was convicted of perjury. The young man's name was Lee. He had amassed quite a property in the business. He was under bond and fled, and will probably not feel inclined to put in an appearance, as, in that case, he will be fed at the expense of the State for a series of years.

The whisky men of Senatobia had made open threats against the officers in case they attempted to bring them to justice, but their threats were unheeded, and by timely bringing such men to justice the officers have demonstrated the fact to other young men, that selling whisky in violation of law, and perjury to avoid the penalty are, neither of them very honorable nor safe. They have also set an example to other courts in our State, which we sincerely hope will be followed. If our Judges and other officers had the moral courage to stand out square, to lay against all such offenders, it would not be long before a radical change would be wrought.

We give the names of the officers: H. E. Roan, Judge; J. D. Oglesby, District Attorney, and P. M. Watt, Sheriff. These gentlemen, with the jury, were all active in ferreting out such violations and in bringing the offenders to justice. We commend them all and will give our personal support to men of like courage.

### MT. LEBANON COLLEGE.

It will rejoice every friend of Christian Education, especially in Louisiana, to know that old Mt. Lebanon College is putting on strength under the able management of Pres. Carter. Some of our brethren in Mississippi make ugly faces when we educate a brother and he leaves the State. If these could see what a noble work Brother Carter is doing, they would feel that it is well for him to be where he is. Brother J. A. Harrell, in a letter, speaking of the College, village, and church, says: "The closing exercises of the present session will begin the 31st of May. Commencement sermon to be preached by Elder J. P. Everett, of Shiloh, La., one of our most able and best preachers. Brother Carter and Martin would be glad to have the friends of education visit the closing exercises of the present session and see for themselves what those applications to business on the part of teachers will do in educating boys and girls. This College commands the quietness and healthfulness of the village of Mt. Lebanon, where it is located, also commends it. The large and growing church here in the village exerts a powerful influence in favor of good morals and good order. So much so that an attempt at such as drinking, gambling, etc., are thrown in the back ground. Like Judas's band of men when they went to take Jesus, as soon as Jesus declared his identity, they went backward and fell to the ground. John 18:6."

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## Communications.

### Notice.

Bishop Lomax, of Hazlehurst, will preach at Byram on the first Sabbath in May, and Saturday before. Text on Sabbath, Rev. 6:17.

### Enterprise.

We have just closed a meeting at this place. Had a very precious revival—eight accessions to the church, seven baptisms. Was assisted by Brother Ray. He did some good preaching, and contributed much to the success of the meeting. His work as Missionary on this field is a splendid success.

E. E. HALL.

### Summit, Miss.

Brother T. L. Cotton was ordained a deacon of the Summit church on last Sabbath. Brother R. N. Hall (pastor) and C. H. Olin formed the Presbytery. There is manifest improvement in the spiritual condition of our membership. We are praying for a revival, and hopefully look for it in the near future.

J. R. SAMPLE.

April 25th, 1885.

### Brethren of churches Association.

I have the pleasure to announce that Bro. L. Ball will be with us at our next Ministers' and Deacons' meeting, fifth Sabbath in May next, with the Bethesda church, four miles west from Crawford. Conveyances will be at Crawford for railroad comers. Brethren look after your State Missions, "that there be no gatherings when Bro. B. comes."

M. V. NOFFSINGER.

West Point, April 22, 1885.

### Lexington.

Dr. Huxie, of Nashville, Tenn., has closed a meeting at the Presbyterian church. The night after the meeting closed, we had service at the Baptist church and received six members for baptism. Our cause here is very hopeful. We have two missionary societies in the church: the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Little Girl's Society; both are in a prosperous condition.

Our prayer-meetings are well attended, and our Sunday-school is the largest in town.

R. L. ALLEN.

### Ministerial Education.

April has well nigh gone, and there has only been received \$13.50 for Ministerial Education. Pay day is staring our Treasurer in the face and must I say "I have no money." Brethren and sisters, do not stop until you have sent a contribution for Ministerial Education to your Treasurer. I implore you to remember us in our time of need, and however small the contributions are, send it at once. Do not wait till meeting day and the church collection, but now, while it is in good heart to help, please send something.

A. V. ROWE, Treas.

### A Correction.

Through mistake, Pelahatche church was credited with two boxes of provisions to the young ministers at the cottage, which were gotten up by Sisters Bland and Robbins, members of New Prospect church, Rankin county. These hungry boys are wishing to be made happy by other good sisters.

J. W. COLLINS.

### Senatobia, Miss.

Our Ladies' Aid Society did considerable in furnishing the parsonage, and propose to buy and own all the furnishings during this year. They have made us glad by putting a fireplace to one of the rooms and making a pleasant room. They have considerably improved the house as soon as they can, so they are full of work at home for a time.

Our evening meetings are well attended and seem to be helpful. The church here manages the Sunday-school, electing superintendents and teachers, and supplies the literature just as all churches should do.

The church at Sardis, to which we minister, was without a pastor for quite a while, and the long, cold winter made the attendants small, but the last meetings brought improvement, and now they are expecting good times. They are a noble band of Christians and workers. I expect to spend several days with them soon, and have several services. Their new church is a beautiful one, and at the last meeting steps were taken to make another.

W. H. C.

April 22, 1885.

### Aberdeen Association.

#### MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The above board met in regular session at the Baptist church in Aberdeen on Friday April 23.

It was decided to appoint a missionary to work east of the M. & O. R. R. for a term of four months, the time to close with the next session of the Association. His compensation was fixed at fifty dollars a month and the use of a saddle horse. He is to devote his whole time to the work. The treasurer of this Board was authorized to draw upon the State Board for the amount voted for his use. Upon election, Rev. J. F. Haily, who is now in Mississippi College, at Clinton, was chosen as our missionary. By resolution the Board expressed its hearty sympathy with the undertakings of the State Board, and decided to urge the churches of Aberdeen Association to fully redeem their pledges and to do all they can to help at the present time. Let all the churches and pastors see to it that a vigorous effort is made just now—this quarter—to relieve our work of embarrassment.

W. L. GIBSON, Chm.

O. L. HALEY, Sec'y pro tem.

### From Pearl Leaf Association.

We met pursuant to a call of the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Pearl Leaf Association with Central church, Perry county, Miss., in a mass-meeting to organize a District or Union meeting. We organized by calling Elder T. E. H. Robinson, as Chairman, and W. F. Spell as Secretary. The objects of the meeting were explained by Elder T. D. Bush, and all Baptists present, in good standing were requested to participate in the discussions, etc.

Brothers J. T. Duckworth, J. N. Welch and W. F. Spell were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and rules of decorum for the government of the meeting in the future; then called for the reading of essays. One was read by Brother J. N. Welch, on the subject of "Give and it shall be given unto you." One was read by Brother N. C. Hathorn on Prohibition. Some very appropriate remarks were made after each reading. We adjourned until Sunday morning.

Met according to appointment. The subject of Sunday-schools was warmly discussed. The essay of Sister Lou Hemenet, on "Woman's work and her duty as a lover of Jesus, (and a splendid essay it is)" was read and heartily adopted. An essay had been assigned Elder T. S. Powell, on the "Second coming of Christ." He had failed to write, but gave us a warm talk upon the subject. All of the discussions were animating and instructive. Brethren Bush, Powell, Robinson and Hathorn were appointed a committee to arrange a programme for the next meeting. Adjourned to meet with Antioch church, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, A. D. 1885. We would love to see the editor of the BAPTIST RECORD there. The Executive Board meets on Saturday there. The work of our missionary, Brother Bush, is encouraging.

### Children's Day—1885.

TO ALL BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOLS:

Thirty-five years ago, the Baptist churches and Sunday-schools of our country were asked to unite in a concert of prayer, accompanied by contributions, when practicable, for the American Baptist Publication Society. The date suggested was the second Sunday in June. During the past year, the day was so observed. One year ago, another appeal went forth, especially to Baptist Sunday-schools, designating the second Sunday in June as the "Children's Day." It was generously responded to, in almost every State and territory; and the offerings amounted to over \$10,000, which sum was applied to the extension of the Society's Sunday-school Missionary Work. The day, "Children's Day," seems now to be an established institution; and its observance may become a blessing to a greater number of schools than last year participated in.

In order to furnish every facility to the schools desiring to share in the proper enjoyment of the day, the Society has had prepared and printed an excellent and attractive programme, with responsive Scripture readings and suitable recitations, the music of each year being printed in full. In addition, a "Floral Letter," and a "Pink Envelope," is prepared for each pupil, as it is desired that the offerings shall be made intelligently, as well as heartily, and shall include every one in each participating school. For the leader in the service, a full sheet of "Suggestions" is also furnished. It is believed that everything essential is thus provided.

The Society will furnish the above named material, on the application of any single Sunday-school, upon the single condition that a contribution be taken at the time named, for the Sunday-school missionary work of the Society, and that such contributions shall be promptly forwarded to the Society. A large number of orders are now being filled. The material is all ready for immediate delivery. Do not wait for samples, but write at once, giving the name and post-office of the school, and its total membership. No other particulars are needed in the application. The enthusiasm manifested is a happy augury of another success, even greater than before. All orders to the Society, at 819 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. When the returns are all in, a full itemized statement will be published showing the amount contributed by each school.

B. GRIFFITH, Sec'y.

We have organized a children's mission society, and are trying to instill into their young minds the idea that "the Lord loves a cheerful giver." Our band numbers twenty, and we call it "The Do Right Society," and have adopted this as our motto.

There is a Ladies' Mission Society here, consisting of a number of active, willing workers. I have known them to walk three miles, the coldest days, to attend their meetings, when there was work to be done. Their church was so much out of repair, they have been devoting their funds to this object until last month; now they are ready to contribute to other objects.

Last week, Brother H. D. White, the beloved pastor of Antioch gave us a joyful surprise. To grasp the hand of a personal friend, one to whom we could give us cheering news, the dear old church, and the many precious and tried ones there, was joy inexpressible. He preached Sunday night to a large and attentive audience, and as he told "the old, old story" in his familiar tones, of dear old memories, we could not repress the tears, we were up in tears of gratitude to that Being who is the author of every "good and perfect gift."

E. C. BOLS.

### Lake Charles, La., April 23.

I suppose most of the readers of the Record are aware that we have fortunately secured the pastoral services of Rev. D. F. Head, with whom we are well pleased. There is room for great work at this place, more, perhaps, than is possible for one man to accomplish. Besides, the church in L. C., there are three stations in the vicinity where large and attentive audiences can be had each Sabbath, without interfering at all with the congregations of the different churches in Lake Charles proper. Brother Head, however, has gone to work with a zeal and earnestness that betokens much fruit, and we do hope that it will be our pleasure to see him reaping bountifully from the rich harvest springing from the good seeds sown by Seaford, Terry, Kellis, and others who have preceded him in the work at this place.

The outlook is encouraging, notwithstanding the hard times, for the Christians work here. A stronger moral sentiment is pervading our community than has been our pleasure to note in the past. While the people, as a general thing, are financially pressed, there is a generosity manifested in

response to calls for aid in church work that is hardly to be expected in such pressing times as these, and that, too, in a community not heretofore noted for any especial development in this direction.

For the convenience of our pastors, and as a means of saving to the church, we are making an effort to erect a parsonage, and the encouragement given us so far is flattering.

Among other things encouraging, we saw to day an article of agreement being circulated by one of our merchants in which they propose to close their store doors on Sunday. This is gratifying in the extreme, as it will at once increase our congregations at the 11 o'clock service, thereby bringing under the influence of the gospel certain individuals who otherwise would never be reached. This we consider a very important step, the surrendering of one of the strongest of the enemy's stronghold, and may grant that one after another of the three great curses to humanity may be swept into oblivion by the mighty current of Christian influence, which is fast conquering the world for Christ. Sabbath desecration, intemperance and profanity are the fruitful sources of the greater part of the evils which beset our society. They are the more to be dreaded because of their widespread influence. They creep into the best society, invade the family circle, and what is worse, they are far from being free of the blighting, withering curses which sit like the dreaded nightmare upon the feeble efforts of many of our weak churches and still weaker individual Christians.

W. M. THOMPSON.

### Children's Day—1885.







## Home Circle.

—CONDUCTED BY—  
MRS. J. B. GAMBRELL  
MRS. E. H. WHARTON

### Poetry.

#### HIDE A WEE, AND DINNA FRET.

Is the road very dreary?

Patience yet!

Rest will be sweeter, if thou art weary.

And after night cometh the morning cheer.

Then hide a wee, and dinna fret.

The clouds have silver linings.

Don't forget!

And though He's hidden, still the sun is shining.

Courage! instead of tears and vain repining.

Just hide a wee, and dinna fret.

With love and care unending

Art best?

Believe thee how the storms from heaven

descending

Smash the still air, but spare the willow bending.

And hide a wee, and dinna fret.

Grief sharper stingeth than sorrow

From regret!

But yesterday is gone, and shall its sorrow

Unfit us for the present and the morrow?

Nay; hide a wee, and dinna fret.

### Editorial.

#### Spiritual Fainting Fits.

David said, "I am weary with my groaning." Perhaps he knew what it was to have times of the greatest spiritual exaltation ever known to him. Then his soul broke forth in songs of exultant praise; yet he had hours when his soul fainted within him. We sometimes feel inclined to question the goodness of God in suffering us to sink so low in the depths; but is it perhaps a means of awakening within us longings for the rest that remains for the people of God.

Sometimes these hours of depression are due to this tabernacle of clay which rests like a clog upon the spirit's wings, chaining it to this poor, dull earth. The weariness of the flesh clouds the spiritual sky, and we grope our way blindly, forgetting that

"He leads us on."  
By paths we did not know.  
Upward he leads us, though our steps be low.  
Though oft we faint and falter by the way,  
Through storms and darkness of obscure the day,  
Yet when the clouds are gone,  
We know he leads us on."

Another use of these hours of languishing is to bring home to us our utter dependence on Christ, the corner stone. If we did not get really sorry-weary, would we come to him for refreshing? Would we not be trying to hew us out cisterns of our own; broken cisterns that will hold no water?

Have you not noticed, oh weary pilgrim, that just as we are ready to fall in one of these fainting fits, the Comforter is ready with a promise, which is as a pillow of down to our weary heads. Have you not noticed that when it seemed that all strength was gone, He has sent by the hand of some "unaware" angel the strong tonic of words like these: "Be of good cheer; wait on the Lord, and He shall strengthen thine heart."

Sometimes the evil one tries to take advantage of these hours of weakness and plies us with sore temptations, and we are almost ready to cry out, at his suggestion, that we are forsaken of God, but quickly the Spirit brings to our remembrance that cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me," and with a view of Calvary, and the forsaken, dying Christ, we are made conscious that he hath borne our sorrows, carried our griefs, and being a High Priest, touched with a feeling of our infirmities, is able to succor us who are tempted.

We all have such experiences as this and surely we ought to succor each other. The High Priest may send the help by the hand of some brother or sister. The Comforter may put the words of strengthening in the mouth of some humble saint, who, without knowing it, shall scatter the dizzy dimness from the eye of faith, and revive the drooping spirit till with fresh order and renewed patience the fainting one is ready to mount upon wings as eagles, to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint. Gladly would we, as an empty vessel, be filled from the fountain of life and bear cups of cooling to weary pilgrims who stagger and faint on the hot sands of time. Having one great leader, it is a blessed privilege to help each other through the weariness of the way by which we are led. The helpful hours shine bright in our memories, and are written in the book of God's remembrance. We shall be glad to meet them beyond the swellings of Death's Jordan.

"For He at last,  
After the weary strife,  
After the restless fever we call life,  
After the dreariness, the aching pain,  
The many struggles which have proved in vain,  
After our toils are past  
Will give us rest at last."

## Report of Central Committee for the Quarter Ending April 1st, 1885.

### CONTRIBUTION FROM

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small; Miss M C Stigler, Secy.

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Macon, devoting funds to home uses; Mrs

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Meridian, F M B S \$18 30; Mrs M W Phil-

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Miss A K Whitfield, Secy.

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Mr Moriah—Miss Eliza Logan, Secy.

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Mr Parson, F M B S \$1, State Board \$23,

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Mr Zeno, F M B S \$1 80, State Board \$1 40;

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Natchez Church Society—Carrie Leav-

ell, Secy.

New Albany, State Board \$1; Mrs M Little

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New Orleans, First church, F M B S \$2 85,

H M B \$10; Mrs J E Randolph, Secy.

N O Church Band, H M B \$5 95; Miss

Malice Cole, Secy.

Ocean Springs, no report, owing to the

dearly winter; Mrs M A Bond, Secy.

Okeana, no report.

Oxford, F M B S \$25, H M B S \$75, State

Board \$2 95; Mrs F S Leavelle, Secy.

Oxford, Young People's, N O \$1 77.

\$22 72, H M B S \$75, State Board \$16 05,

N O \$1.

700s, reported as sent to Miss Point

"Pastor's Home," and \$23 55 for Home

Uss.

1st Quarter—F M B S \$45, H M B S \$10,

State Board \$115 25, N O \$5 50, College

\$23 30, Home Uss \$119 15.

Through Central Committee—F M B

\$4 65, H M B \$11 50, State Board \$20,

N O \$3.

2d Quarter—F M B S \$85, H M B S \$20,

State Board \$2 30, N O \$7 55, College

\$1 55, Home Uss 150 20.

Through Central Committee—F M B

\$3 75, H M B \$1 70, State Board \$1, N O

\$4 40, College \$5 25.

3d Quarter—F M B S \$42 85, H M B

\$15 75, State Board \$5 95, N O \$7 80,

College \$19 80, Home Uss \$17 60, Mrs San-

ford \$3 20.

Through Central Committee—F M B \$3,

H M B \$5 75, State Board \$10, N O \$10,

College 2 quilts, 4 sheets, 1 pillowcase, Mrs

Sanford \$17.

4th Quarter—F M B S \$18 87, H M B

\$20, State Board \$18 70, N O \$7 07,

College \$12 40, Home Uss \$23 55, Mrs San-

ford \$18 45.

Through Central Committee—F M B

\$2 72, H M B \$75, State Board \$15 65,

N O \$3, Mrs Sanford \$10 05.

Total Contributed during the year, \$1776 07.

Of this amount, there has been received by

the Central Committee, \$217 92.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs J. L. JOHNSON,

Pres. Cen. Com.

Mrs A. J. QUINCY,

Secy. Cen. Com.

DEAR SISTERS: The State Board

of Missions is now greatly pressed

for funds to pay off its missionar-

ies, and to liquidate the debt

which burdens it. The brethren

are struggling to do a noble work.

This is the most important of all

our work, for if it fails, all other

work suffers with it, and if it

prosper, so will all other mission-

ary work be fostered by the in-

creasing number of prosperous

churches organized through its in-

fluence. They should be scattered

through all the destitute portions

of our State, and each one should

have a Woman's Missionary Soci-

ety. God has given us unnum-

bered blessings. All we have to

do is to use them, and in the last

day we shall have to render a

strict account for the way we have

improved our opportunities for

using His own for his glory. Shall

we not try to render that account

with joy? Can we not use our tal-

ents to help our brethren in this

great emergency? We may help

them much during the next three

months, if we will. It is proposed

by the Central Committee to de-

vote all the earnings of the next

quarter, except what is already

pledged to other objects, to the

State Board. Let us all work with

a will, and pray over our offering,

that it may not prove unavailing.

Let us see what we can do to swell

the income of our State Board. It

is God's work, and he will surely

bless us in it. Can we not make

some sacrifices, that souls in our

own beloved State may be saved,

and taught to work for Jesus? May

our Heavenly Father bless the

work of our societies.

Mrs A. J. Q.

### Selected.

#### At Home With God.

##### AN EASTER STORY.

"I'm a comin', little an, I'm a comin'! And I've got just lots to tell you."

"Did she say she'd come? Did you tell her?"

"To be sure I did!" answered Jim, in strong, bright tones, "and she said as how she'd company last week, but she'd surely come this time." The little boy, who lay on a bed which all Jim's efforts could not make comfortable, brightened visibly, and the querulous tone left his voice; setting himself back contentedly, he said:

"Now tell me all what you heard."

"Well, it was like last Sunday, and it wasn't. Same sort of sing-ing-man talking up in front—boys carrying on in the back seats—pretty little girls—oh, I wish you could see some of those little bits of girls, sitting so nice and good—all the same. But the talking was all about living again after we die."

"After we die—why, Jim, how can they be sure? Folks don't come back to tell us, do they?"

"Jesus did. You remember what I told you the lady said about his healing the sick?" The child nodded, with a wistful look Jim understood only too well.

"Well! Teacher says he heals the sick now—often! But she says the best thing he does is when he raises us up at the last day. As near as I can make it out, it's like this, and Jim soaked himself boy-fashion at the foot of the bed, while Dick's eager eyes seemed fairly to drink in his words. "You remember I told you peanuts grow in the ground. Don't look as if they did, but it's so! Now, you can't make 'em grow till you bury 'em—that's like us," touching himself, and then the thin little frame before him, "if Jesus plants us, we grow up again, and what's the best of it, we don't come up in this world, but in a beautiful place, where there's no pain, and there are homes for all. Now what do you think of that, little un?" Dick had raised himself on his elbow as the climax was reached; he fell back with a happy sigh, exclaiming:

"That don't seem like dying. And will Jesus plant all of us?"

"I don't quite understand," said Jim slowly.

"Oh, Jim, that's what you ought to know better'n all. I want to be sure, for I—"

The elder boy knew too well what the little fellow hesitated to say. "Oh, now," he interrupted, "you're ever so much better'n you were. 'Taint for you any more than for me. I'll be a-lyin' first, Dick, may be, and I want to find out all I can for myself. I know we ought to be good, and you're safe enough when you think of me."

Dick did not refuse the comfort; it was pleasant to have Jim think him good, though far down in his heart he knew he was not "good" any more than Jim. The two had their supper—bread and water for Jim, but for Dick a cup of such milk as is sold to the poor in our crowded cities. Then followed a game with dominoes Jim had manufactured for the boys knew no difference between Sunday and other days; and indeed, with nothing but an odd copy or so of the story papers, the dominoes were certainly the best thing they could choose.

The boys were not brothers, but stray waifs who had chummed when they were very young, and that Dick was ill, Jim worked for both, selling papers, getting any odd jobs and spending the largest half of his earnings for his friend, with that total ignorance of any merit in so doing which is so touching a trait in the poor. Nothing more was said of the Sunday-school talk; and Jim in his eager street life hardly thought of it again, but Dick lying on his hard bed pondered over all he had heard.

"Seems to me," he thought, "I'd like best to grow up in that beautiful place. If he just makes me well, I've got to work again, and I never got along well with papers; and 'less he made me quite over, 'taint likely I'd be any stronger than I used to be, so I'd be tired 'most all the time. No pain! And homes for all! Then the lady said we could talk to Jesus now just as if we could see him—I do believe I'll try!" It had taken the boy nearly two weeks to come to this determination; and it was only his utter loneliness and desolation that drove him at last to the Refuge that was so near, yet hidden.

"Jesus," he began, then hesitated—